

MINUTES

UTAH RECREATIONAL THERAPY LICENSING BOARD MEETING

August 16, 2005

Room 457 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building

CONVENED: 9:00 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:35

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Noel Taxin
Karen McCall

Board Members Present:

Gwen L. Nelson
LeLand Slaughter
Shelley Oda

Board Members Absent:

LeOra Brown
Trish Jensen

Guests:

Craig Jackson, Division Director
Trish DeYoung
Sandra Negley

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Introduction of Bureau Manager

Noel Taxin was introduced to the Board as the Bureau Manager. **The Board welcomed Ms. Taxin.**

Read and approve the January 26, 2005 minutes.

Ms. Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Ms. Oda seconded the motion. **The Board vote was unanimous.**

PENDING BUSINESS:

Report from Mr. Slaughter regarding the Utah Conference Panel Discussion

Mr. Slaughter reported that he was a panel participant at the conference in March 2005. The Utah Parks and Recreation combined with the Utah Recreational Therapy Association for the conference. Mr. Slaughter stated that there was discussion about

national certification. There were no major issues or changes. The conference will be in St. George for 2006 and will again be a combined conference. **The Board thanked Mr. Slaughter for serving on the panel discussion and attending the conference.**

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

9:30 A.M.

Kirsten A. Cornia, Probationary Interview

Ms. Cornia, met for her probationary interview.

Ms. Taxin, Bureau Manager, was introduced.

Mr. Slaughter conducted the interview.

Ms. Cornia reported that she has been doing better on her calling in every day. Ms. Cornia stated she was a little surprised that she had several drug tests in a row and then has had none for a period of time. Ms. Cornia stated she will be going to Hawaii in 2 weeks to a substance abuse conference and asked the Board the process of calling while she is there. This fall Ms. Cornia will be applying for the masters program. Currently Ms. Cornia is looking for another sponsor but is continuing with the 12 step program and the NA meetings. Ms. Cornia is now on step 12. Ms. Cornia stated that her parents have been very supportive and helpful with her son, Dillan. Also, the grandparents on Dillan's father's side have become supportive and involved in Dillan's life. This has made less stress for Ms. Cornia. Ms. Cornia commented that meeting with the Board and the drug testing has assisted her to stay drug free.

Mr. Slaughter asked Ms. Cornia what her plan is for the next 5 years.

Ms. Cornia responded with her goals are to complete a masters program, purchase a new car and purchase a condo for herself and son, Dillan. Ms. Cornia stated she would like to be released from probation.

The Board commended Ms. Cornia on the way she has turned her life around. The Board recommended Ms. Cornia submit a formal letter of

request for termination of probation. In the letter Ms. Cornia should address her future goals, what she is doing in school and life, her experience with the Board, if her experience has been positive and helpful, or not and any other information Ms. Cornia would like to include.

Ms. Oda made a motion that Ms. Taxin complete the process of termination of probation for Kirsten Cornia upon receiving a formal letter of request from Ms. Cornia. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion. The Board vote was unanimous.

Ms. Taxin notified Ms. Cornia that she must continue to call for drug testing until the process has been completed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Patricia Bankhead Letter of Inquiry regarding Occupational Therapy and Recreational Therapy Scope of Practice and Licensure Questions.

Mr. Leland read Ms. Bankhead's letter. The letter indicates that Ms. Bankhead's frustration with an Occupational Therapy (OT) licensee doing Recreational Therapy. Upon reviewing both laws, Ms. Bankhead states that their scope of practice is very similar.

The Board determined the letter and questions should be addressed through the Association and with the Health Department as it appears that the Health Department is encouraging the OT's to include recreational therapy in their duties.

Ms. Taxin agreed to contact Ms. Bankhead and explain that the Division would refer the complaint to the Association, which is a more appropriate place to respond to her concern. Ms. Taxin will also explain that Ms. Bankhead could file a complaint with investigations with the Division if she has concerns with an individual licensees practice.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Chairperson

Ms. Oda made a motion for Mr. Slaughter to continue as Board Chairperson. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion. **The Board vote was unanimous.**

Rules Discussion

Ms. Taxin reviewed with the Board proposed rule changes. Ms. Taxin discussed also including a definition on TRS Temporary as a designation for the temporary is not addressed in the current rules.

The Board agreed that the TRS Temporary definition should be included. The Board reviewed their calendars and requested Ms. Taxin to schedule a Board meeting for November 14, 2005 and include the rules hearing at 9:00 A.M.

Legislative Issues

None at this time.

Other Discussion Items as Needed

None at this time.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

November 15, 2005

MEETING ADJOURNED AT:

10:35 am

Date Approved

Chairperson, Utah Recreational Therapy Licensing Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing